

Women's Equality Day

August 26, 2001

Celebrating Women's Right to Vote

New York Women Take Action

On July 13, 1848, five women met for tea in upstate New York. Having commiserated about the lot of women in American society, they did something brash. . . they sent off a notice to the local newspaper announcing "a convention to discuss the social, civil, and religious conditions and rights of woman" to be held just six days later in Seneca Falls.

Declaration of Sentiments

Perhaps inspired by the sovereignty of Iroquois women, Seneca Falls

convention participants drafted a Declaration of Sentiments which began: **"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men and women are created equal . . ."** One of the resolutions called for universal women's suffrage. One hundred women and men from all walks of life signed that declaration. Only one, nineteen-year-old Charlotte Woodward, lived to see women win the vote.

Women Win the Right to Vote!

On August 26, 1920, after a 72-year struggle, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution of the United

States was ratified, granting women the right to vote nationwide.

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President Jimmy Carter designated August 26 as Women's Equality Day, as a reminder of women's continuing efforts for equality.



Featured on the "Generations of Women in Agriculture" poster are names of women currently working in Louisiana for the Natural Resources Conservation Service, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, Resource Conservation and Development Councils, and Louisiana Office of Soil and Water Conservation.

Louisiana's Civil Rights Committee Releases Poster ***Generations of Women in Agriculture***

Honoring the past, paying tribute to the present, and looking toward the future -- Louisiana's Civil Rights Committee has produced a poster showcasing multiple generations of women in agriculture. The posters are being distributed to all NRCS offices in Louisiana just in time to mark Women's Equality Day on August 26. The poster will also be displayed on Louisiana's homepage. To view the poster go to: <http://www.la.nrcs.usda.gov> then click on the Civil Rights button, then click on the poster button. Additional copies of the poster may be requested by contacting Holly Martien at e-mail holly.martien@la.usda.gov or telephone (318) 473-7753.

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